

Stormwater Management Plan Related General Plan Goals and Policies

Appendix E Relevant General Plan (Land Use) Goals and Policies

This appendix refers to Element 4. Development Standards.

Promote a safe and adequate supply of water for community uses. (Goal COS 1)¹

To reduce pollutants in urban runoff, require new development projects and substantial rehabilitation projects to incorporate Best Management Practices (BMPs) pursuant to the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit to ensure that the City complies with applicable state and federal regulations. (COS-1 Implementation Program)

Consistent with County of Monterey Draft General Plan Action ER-5a, coordinate with other jurisdictions and agencies within the County to develop and implement an education program to inform the public of the harm to the ocean and marine environment caused by pollutants and litter deposited on the surface of the land that can be carried in drainage systems, creeks, rivers, and ultimately the ocean. (COS-4 Implementation Program)

This Element provides the following essential guidance for preparing Specific Plans for these (Future Growth) areas: Charrettes are strongly encouraged in the early part of the process in drafting a Specific Plan to ensure effective public participation in the planning process and to insure that New Urbanism principles are properly employed. (Community Design Element)

Protect and enhance the remaining identified and significant ecological and biological resources within and surrounding the community. (Goal COS 5)

Protect and enhance creek corridors, river corridors, the reclamation ditch, sloughs, wetlands, hillsides and other potentially significant biological resources for their value in providing visual amenity, flood protection, habitat for wildlife and recreational opportunities. (Policy COS 5.1)

Maintain and restore natural watershed to recharge the aquifers and ensure the viability of the ground water resources. (Policy COS 1.4)

Proposed development projects (both public and private) within Salinas must incorporate structural and non-structural BMPs to preclude significant water quality impact from non-point source pollutants. (Conservation and Open Space Element, page COS-4)

¹ COS = Conservation and Open Space Element

Ensure that negative impacts of future growth on environmental quality and quality of life are minimized and adequate levels and quality of urban services and facilities are maintained. (Policy LU 2.5)²

Manage future growth to minimize impacts to the existing community and surrounding agricultural lands. (Goal LU-2)

Require new development, to the extent feasible, to provide flood control facilities that are visually attractive and ecologically beneficial, and require on-going maintenance of the facilities by the development through a maintenance district. (Policy LU 8.3)

Apply a system of managing growth based on the timely provision of public services and facilities of public services and facilities and general thresholds or standard for their adequacy. (Policy LU2.2)

Encourage clustering of development on sites within the Future Growth Area to minimize impacts on agricultural and open space resources. (Policy LU 2.3)

Locate and design water retention area and preserve important wildlife habitat areas to contribute to the visual quality of the city's open space system. (Policy CD 1.6)

Maximize the use of built and natural features to develop a citywide network of parks and open spaces with Carr Lake, <u>Gabilan Creek</u> (emphasis added) and the Sherwood Park/Rodeo Grounds complex as essential elements of the open space network. (Policy COS 7.2)

Develop and maintain an integrated system of open-space corridors and trails along utility easements, power-transmission-line rights of way, the reclamation ditch stream banks, drainage ways, slopes and other natural features. (COS 7.11)

Utilize well-design in-fill development, and selectively increase density within Focused Growth Areas to maintain compact city form. (Policy LU 2.4)

Participate in and support regional programs and projects that target the improvement and conservation of the region's groundwater and surface water supply. (Policy LU 6.3)

Actively promote water conservation by City residents, businesses and surrounding agricultural producers. (Policy LU 6.4)

Review projects subject, such as residential projects with 500 or more units, for compliance with Sections 10910-10915 of the California Water Code. (Policy LU 6.5)

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² LU = Land Use Element

Review development proposals to ensure that adequate sewer collection and treatment facilities are available to meet the needs of the development without negatively impacting the existing community. (Policy 7.2)

Apply appropriate development standards and fees to improve present drainage systems and provide adequate stormwater detention basins and sedimentation ponds with new construction. (Policy 8.2)

Continue the use of Carr Lake as a reclamation/flood control facility in addition to its other functions in addressing water quality, enhancing traffic/circulation and creating recreational opportunities. (Policy 8.4)

Create a "park-like: atmosphere for the city with greenways, landscaped streets and medians and parks distributed through the community at convenient locations. (Policy CD 1.5)

Avoid large un-landscaped parking areas and blank building walls facing streets or adjoining properties. (Policy CD 2.8)

Create a community that promotes a pedestrian-friendly, livable environment. (Goal 3)

Create and preserve distinct, identifiable neighborhood that have traditional neighborhood development (TND) characteristics. Specifically, each neighborhood should have the following characteristics: An approximately [sic] 5-minute walk from perimeter to center...(Policy CD 3.1)

Promote the use of alternative modes of transportation, including bus, rail, bicycling and walking. (Policy CD 3.8)

"In order to slow traffic, standard residential streets shall be no more than 34 feet wide with parking on both sides." (Ibid, page CD-28)

Cooperate with local, regional, and state water agencies to develop new water sources. (Policy COS 1.1)

Cooperate with Monterey County Water Resources Agency, the State Water Resources Control Board and the Regional Water Quality Control Board to implement programs that address the two primary causes of poor water quality in the planning area: salt [sic] water intrusion and nitrate contamination. (Policy COS 1.5)

Participate in and implement local and regional programs that promote water conservation. (Policy 2.1)

Apply standards that promote water conservation in agricultural, residential and non-residential uses. (Policy COS 2.4)

Explore with Monterey County the potential for creation of a Gabilan Creek Regional Park extending along the creek from the urban edge to the headwaters in the Gabilan Mountains. (Policy COS 5.2)

Consistent with County of Monterey Draft General Plan Policy ER-6-3, if adopted, cooperate with Monterey County, the Regional Water Quality Control Board Central Coast (Region 3) and the Monterey County Water Resources Agency, providing [sic] technical assistance when necessary to help identify, protect and preserve critical aquifer recharge areas so that their function is maintained and ground water quality if not further degraded. (COS-3 Implementation Program)

"Encourage water conservation throughout Salinas in the following ways: Implementing the Salinas Urban Water Conservation Plan, the purpose of which is to reduce pumping of water from the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin for urban uses to the maximum extent feasible and to reduce the overall pumping from the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin by fifteen percent from the pumping [levels] that occurred in 1987";

Regulating [sic] development with the City's landscaping and Irrigation Ordinance, which requires developments to apply xeriscape principles including such techniques and materials as native and low water use plants an low precipitation sprinkler heads, bubblers, drip irrigation systems and timing devices;"